

Technology to keep her community secure and equipped to meet her constituents' needs.

Personally, I was honored to work with Del on the Council of Governments, where she led as the board's president. Del has done the hard and thankless work that very few people often recognize. But the entire Washington metropolitan area is better off because of the tireless service she put in.

Ms. Pepper is a pillar of the Alexandria community, unafraid to speak her mind and vote with her conscience. She has been a comfort to her constituents and ensured that their voices were heard by the whole of Alexandria's city council. She has served her community since before some of her colleagues were even born. Del Pepper's dedication is unmatched, and I am proud to offer my congratulations to a treasured friend and colleague on a full, fearless, and caring career in service to the public.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Ms. Del Pepper on her thirty-six years on the Alexandria city council. Ms. Pepper has set an example that all of us would do well to follow in fighting for what she believes, in giving a voice to her constituents in the decisions that affect them, and in being a resource to her community. She is a unique and invaluable member of her community, and I am proud that I have had the opportunity to get to know her, may we all strive to be more like her in our own service.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON HELICOPTER AND ROTOCRAFT NOISE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FRIDAY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today I introduce a bill that would direct the Secretary of Transportation to submit a report to Congress containing recommendations on how to reduce helicopter noise in the District of Columbia. Such recommendations would include altitude, number of flights, flight paths, time of day of flights, types of aircraft, operating procedures and pilot training. The Secretary would be required to consult with any federal agencies or departments that fly helicopters in D.C., the Metropolitan Police Department, any medical helicopter operators that routinely fly in D.C. and any other operator that routinely flies a helicopter in D.C. The report would be due to Congress no later than 180 days after the enactment of the bill.

Even though D.C. has the most restricted airspace in the country, I hear from D.C. residents almost daily about the negative impact of helicopter noise on their lives. The noise can harm health and quality of life, and helicopters can even harm the structural integrity of homes. While I recognize the need for helicopters in D.C., the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Congress must do more to mitigate the harm to D.C. residents.

In 2019, I led members of the National Capital Region (NCR) in requesting that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) study helicopter noise in the NCR. Last year, GAO

issued its report. GAO found that there had been nearly 90,000 helicopter flights in the NCR from 2017 to 2019. GAO recommended that the FAA develop a mechanism to exchange helicopter noise information with operators in the NCR. The FAA indicated that it would implement such a mechanism. In March 2021, I introduced the Washington, DC Area Helicopter Noise Information Exchange Act of 2021, which would require the FAA to implement such a mechanism. In April 2022, I introduced the Reducing Helicopter Noise in the District of Columbia Act, which would require all helicopters in D.C. to fly at the maximum altitude permitted by the FAA in D.C., with limited exceptions.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2022

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 205; YEA on Roll Call No. 206; YEA on Roll Call No. 207; YEA on Roll Call No. 222; YEA on Roll Call No. 223; YEA on Roll Call No. 224; YEA on Roll Call No. 225; YEA on Roll Call No. 226; YEA on Roll Call No. 227; and YEA on Roll Call No. 228.

IN RECOGNITION OF EDEN PARK

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the hard work of the southwest Detroit community and board members of Tri-City Community Development Corporation who made the groundbreaking at Eden Park possible.

As we gather to break ground at the former site of Mark Twain School, we are reminded of the possibility of rebirth. This space holds the promise of a community green space that will serve the needs of our neighbors. It will be a place to gather, a central green space to enjoy the outdoors. As construction of the park commences, I look forward to seeing a space designed that will be embraced and enjoyed by people of all ages. It is my hope that Eden Park will exemplify what it means to be a place to commune. Its goals for hosting a playground, community garden, classes, and other recreational activities, will truly set it apart to become a jewel of the community.

Please join me in tribute to the communities of southwest Detroit and the Tri-City CDC as they break ground on Eden Park.

HONORING MARY JANE BURKE

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mary Jane Burke upon

her retirement from Marin County Office of Education as its intrepid Superintendent of Marin County Public Schools for nearly two decades and for a lifetime of extraordinary public service.

Raised in Stockton, California, as the eldest of eight siblings, Mary Jane moved to Marin at the age of 18 to attend Dominican University in San Rafael. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in education in 1973 and proceeded to also earn her master's degree in special education in 1976. Since then, she has served our community as a teacher, principal, special education director, assistant superintendent, and deputy superintendent. In 1995, following the death of her husband, she was elected to fill his seat as the next Marin County Superintendent, a position she has held for seven terms.

As Superintendent, Mary Jane fulfilled an essential role in shaping the trajectory of students' education at a critical age and ensuring our schools receive vital funding including overseeing 40,000 students and the distribution of \$450 million. Marin County Office of Education (MCOE) is responsible for the fiscal oversight of Marin County's 18 school districts budgets, and provides a variety of services including technology and educational programming for both public and private K-12 schools; managing regionalized special education programs; and offering professional development for teachers, instructional assistants, administrators, and school board trustees; among many other services. Mary Jane managed these roles with a high degree of commitment, always applying the highest standards and a laser focus on what is best for children. She developed a well-deserved reputation for her collaborative leadership style, and ability to cultivate strong partnerships among school districts, community organizations, businesses, and local governments.

Among her numerous accomplishments is the establishment of the Marin County School to Career Partnership and SchoolsRule-Marin, a joint effort by the county's public-school foundations to raise funds for K-12 students countywide to ensure access to critical educational opportunities is available for all public students, regardless of zip code. This program continues to combat the county's equality gap more than a decade later. Unafraid to take bold stances on deeply rooted and complicated issues, Mary Jane also played an essential role in prompting the state's 2019 historic desegregation order that resulted in the Sausalito Marin City Unified School District. She has been a fierce advocate for increasing access to early education and preschool. Beyond her work with MCOE, she shares her talent and time on the Board of Directors for the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT), the Marin County Treasury Oversight Committee, and is the former President of the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) representing all 58 California County Superintendents of Schools.

Superintendent Burke's work to improve public schools is regarded as a model for other counties throughout California. Her expertise has earned admiration and recognition from influential changemakers throughout Marin County and the State of California, as well as a plethora of awards and honors including California Assembly's 2021 "State of California Woman of the Year" for her

COVID-19 response. Throughout my tenure in the California State Assembly and the U.S. House of Representatives, I have sought and valued her advice on education matters.

Madam Speaker, Mary Jane Burke leaves an indelible legacy as she retires and I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing immense gratitude to Mary Jane Burke for her extraordinary generosity of spirit, unwavering commitment, and innumerable contributions to improving the quality of life for communities in Marin County and California and extending to her best wishes on her next endeavors.

HONORING MR. WINDELL CUROLE

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2022

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today in order to share a story of Cajun ingenuity and recognize a man who went beyond the call of duty for his community. Windell Curole, Manager of the South Lafourche Levee District, fought tooth and nail to build a more secure flood protection system. Mr. Curole knew the area's levees weren't high enough to defend against a major storm; he began gathering funds and bringing in the necessary resources to raise the levees. Mr. Curole understands his community and gained their support—guided by his leadership, the Parish self-taxed in order to improve their own levee system.

Mr. Curole is no stranger to challenge: the U.S. Corps of Engineers issued cease and desist orders, even going so far as to threaten him with legal repercussions for lacking the correct permits. Driven by a just cause, Mr. Curole simply kept building. Mr. Curole's efforts successfully protected South Lafourche from Hurricane Ida, which devastated most of the surrounding area. His vision and efforts prevented extensive flooding and helped the region back on its feet after this terrible storm. Come hell, high water, or even legal threats, Windell Curole has always and will always take appropriate action to defend his community. I am proud to call Mr. Curole a fellow Louisianian—and friend.

HONORING THE 21ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS 2022 SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTEES

HON. CHIP ROY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2022

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, today we congratulate the 2022 Service Academy appointees from the 21st Congressional District of Texas.

The following individuals have accepted Academy Appointments:

Hudson T. Baese, Canyon High School, New Braunfels, United States Air Force Academy.

Austin G. Curtis, Robert G. Cole High School, San Antonio, United States Air Force Academy.

Walker L. Cunningham, Robert G. Cole High School, San Antonio, United States Merchant Marine Academy.

Bradley J. DeMeritt, UTSA, Franklin High School, New Braunfels, United States Military Academy.

Joseph G. Drastata, Canyon High School, New Braunfels, United States Military Academy.

Logan J. Kitchen, Claudia Taylor Lady Bird Johnson High School, San Antonio, United States Military Academy.

Austin W. Locke, UTSA, Boerne High School, Boerne, United States Merchant Marine Academy.

John T. Murphy, Wimberly High School, Wimberly, United States Naval Academy.

Noah A. Purify, USNAPS, Claudia Taylor Lady Bird Johnson High School, San Antonio, United States Naval Academy.

Ella M. Rudik, BASIS Shavano, San Antonio, United States Air Force Academy.

These outstanding students have much to contribute to their chosen Academy and to our country. We appreciate their talents and their patriotism.

I hope my colleagues in the House of Representatives will join me in congratulating these truly heroic young men and young women.

RECOGNIZING PEACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THEIR MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2022

Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Peace Lutheran School in Shelby Township, Michigan, for their dedication to honoring the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country.

The Peace Lutheran School Memorial Day program consists of songs, recitations, and tributes to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Freedom is never free, and it is only secured through the courage of those who serve. We must never forget the sacrifice of those who gave their lives fighting to secure the freedoms we in our country hold dear. I applaud the work of Peace Lutheran School for never forgetting and always honoring these brave men and women.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL TOURETTE SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2022

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month which runs from May 15 through June 15 each year. As a founder and Co-Chair of the Congressional Tourette Syndrome Caucus, I want to use this opportunity to address the need for additional research and, hopefully, clear up some common misconceptions about Tourette syndrome.

Tourette syndrome (TS) is a complex neurological disorder that involves tics, which are sudden movements and vocalizations or

noises that people do repeatedly. It develops during childhood and changes over time. Symptoms can wax and wane across the lifespan of the individual. There is no cure for Tourette syndrome, and only three medications have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which each have significant side effects and contraindications. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), among children diagnosed with TS, 83 percent have at least one additional mental, behavioral, or developmental condition. These co-occurring conditions can include anxiety, Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD), autism, Oppositional Defiance Disorder (ODD), depression, learning difficulties, and other conditions. These co-occurring conditions can significantly impact the lives of those affected by TS.

Data from the CDC suggests roughly 50 percent of children and teens with TS are not diagnosed. CDC studies including children with both diagnosed and undiagnosed TS have estimated that one out of every 162 children (0.6 percent) have TS. However, these numbers do not include children with Chronic or Provisional Tic Disorders. It is estimated that one out of 100 school-aged children have TS or another tic disorder.

Tourette Syndrome is often misconstrued by media and therefore misunderstood by the public. Many people believe TS involves obscene language. However, only 10 percent of those with TS have coprolalia, the form of TS with obscene language. Continued education and awareness can help to increase understanding and reduce stigma or bullying.

Neither the full public health impact nor the true cost of living with TS is known. Yet, individuals with TS and their families often face substantial costs due to healthcare visits, special educational services, medication, psychological and behavioral counseling, occupational therapy, missed school and work, and more.

It is for these reasons that the Tourette Syndrome Program at the National Center for Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities remains critically important. Research from this program seeks to better understand prevalence, co-occurring conditions, impact, and costs associated with TS. The Tourette Syndrome Program also educates doctors, teachers, allied professionals, parents and the public at large so that we can increase the diagnosis rate and improve the lives of those living with TS.

I would also like to recognize the Tourette Association of America (TAA) which was founded in 1972 and is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. The TAA is the only national organization serving the TS community and works to raise awareness, advance research, and provide ongoing support to patients and families impacted by TS and Tic Disorders.

Madam Speaker, we must continue working to provide additional funding to increase the diagnosis rate and achieve a more inclusive and enlightened society with a better understanding of Tourette Syndrome. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing May 15 through June 15 as National Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month.